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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: 53ZANU (SITHOLE) SUPPORTERS KILLED

1. SALISBURY DATELINED REPORT OF JULY 24 SAYS THAT THE MILITARY HAVE RELEASED DETAILS OF A MASSACRE OF A LARGE GROUP OF ZANU (SITHOLE) SUPPORTERS THAT OCCURRED ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO. THE GROUP OF 53 YOUNG MEN WERE REPORTEDLY IN THE EASTERN OPERATIONAL AREA CAMPAIGNING FOR SITHOLE. THEY WERE WEARING DISTINCTIVE PARTY T-SHIRTS. GUERRILLAS OF ZANLA, ACCORDING TO THE ACCOUNT, ROUNDED UP THE GROUP AND LED THEM INTO A VILLAGE WHERE THEY WERE TIED UP AND EXECUTED.

2. THIS IS THE THIRD REPORTED KILLING OF ENVOYS OF INTERNAL SETTLEMENT PARTICIPANTS. IN JUNE, FOUR MUZOREWA SUPPORTERS WERE MURDERED IN THE SOUTHEASTERN OPERATIONAL ZONE (PRETORIA 3631) AND IN MAY FOUR SITHOLE MEN, ALSO ON A UNCLASSIFIED

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MISSION TO PROMOTE THE SETTLEMENT, WERE KILLED IN WEDZA DISTRICT.  
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